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SO FAR THIS YEAR



7,490 impaired drivers arrested



20,155 collisions investigated



152 fatality collisions



driving contacts

23,608 seatbelt violations

27,749 distracted



80,471 aggressive driver contacts



213,532 excessive speed contacts



40,655 CMV inspections



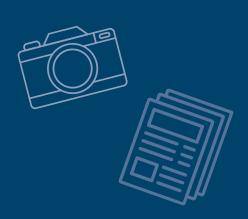
The TraCS Team has been hard at work providing training to the WSP's Regional Academy Instructors (RAIs) as well as folks within the districts.

Official training will begin during 3rd Trimester Trainings in September.

Want to learn more about **TraCS? Visit the website** by clicking here.

HAVE PHOTOS OR STORIES TO SHARE?

Have an amazing photo of your patrol car? A story to share about what your office does within the WSP? We want to hear from you. Part of the fun of The Milepost is seeing and learning about all the different aspects of our agency - and with us being state wide - you can rest assure there is a ton of content out there! Feel free to send in photos and story ideas to TheMilepost@wsp.wa.gov for future consideration.



Congrats August promotees!



the Washington State Patrol (WSP) employees recognized during a promotional ceremony held on Aug. 6 at the Helen Sommers Building in Olympia. Congratulations everyone on vour wonderful achievement! The promottees include:

- Ms. Mary J. Margeson, Data Consultant 3, Investigative Assistance Division to Missing and Unidentified Persons Unit Program Manager, Investigative Assistance Division
- Ms. Kayli J. Riedl, Criminal Identification Coordination Specialist, Criminal Records Division to Management Analyst 5, Criminal Records Division
- Ms. Mia K. Hedrick, Fingerprint Lead Technician, Criminal Records Division to Fingerprint Supervisor, Criminal Records Division

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

DISTRICT

District 5 - Troopers made a strong impact across Lewis, Clark, and Cowlitz counties. embodying the spirit of meaningful community engagement. Whether snapping selfies with residents (and their dogs!) or sparking conversations about seat belt safety, they brought energy and approachability to public outreach. Surrounded by fellow law enforcement partners, troopers helped inspire new ideas for future events, collaborations, and

deeper connections with the communities they















DISTRICT 6

By JEREMY WEBBER D6 PIO TROOPER

DISTRICT 6 - One of our favorite times of the year is National Night Out. This community building event allows us to foster positive relationships between law enforcement and our communities. It gives us the opportunity to put the daily grind aside and spend time with our neighbors to get to know them. It also forces us to enjoy the outdoors, even though in District 6 it was extremely hot!

"The little boy in the green shirt wearing my hat happened to have the same first name as me," said Basin Trooper Jaimen Smith. "He thought it was pretty cool - that was the first time he met another Jaimen."

This year District 6 was part of eight separate National Night Out's to include: East Wenatchee. Ouincv. Moses Lake, Kittitas, Cle Elum, Ellensburg, Lake Chelan, and Oroville.

Thank you to all troopers who took the time to get involved in their



DISTRICT 8

DISTRICT 8 - Troopers attended National Night Out (NNO) events across the district, including in Bainbridge Island and Hogiuam.













NATIONAL NIGHT OUT 2025

DISTRICT 3

DISTRICT 3 - August 5th brought the Walla Walla Detachment to cover four counties for National Night Out events. Trooper Wes Cook took charge of Chief for the Day with Chief Delilah, who will be turning 10 soon and is excited for her pool birthday party.

Former Trooper Joe Klundt, now Undersheriff with Walla Walla Sheriff's Office, and Lieutenant Tomaras, now Chief of College Place, were both hosting little chiefs at the same event. Trooper Mueller hung out with Smokey the bear at Garfield Counties NNO.

Troopers Grandstaff and Hoeft attended Columbia County National Night Out where they saved Cadet Barberich from the Sheriff's Office boat.

Troopers Stefani and Kelty attended Asotin County National Night Out where they started a band "Cracklin Bacon" playing lead blow up guitars.









STATE TROOMS

DISTRICT 1

By DEBBIE PETERMAN
TRACS PROGRAM MANAGER

DISTRICT 1 - Last night, the Gold Creek
Neighborhood in Tumwater, Washington, came
alive with community spirit as residents gathered
to celebrate National Night Out—a nationwide
event that brings neighbors together and
strengthens relationships with local law
enforcement and emergency services.

The Tumwater Police Department was well represented, with several officers stopping by to mingle, answer questions, and share in the festivities. Thurston County Medic One also made an appearance, showcasing their lifesaving equipment and connecting with families.

As I chatted with neighbors, one of them—knowing I work for the Washington State Patrol—turned to me and asked, "Where are the troopers?" I froze for a moment, caught off guard. Good question.

I reached out to Sgt. Scott Kirkeby to see if he was on duty and had a moment to spare. He replied almost instantly, assuring me he'd send someone over.

Enter Trooper Jordan Jacobs.

Trooper Jacobs arrived in no time—and the reaction was electric (photo attached is my daughter Kelsee, and a neighbor friend, Holden). The kids were absolutely thrilled, swarming him with excitement and curiosity. Trooper Jordan was a natural: approachable, engaging, and full of energy. He answered every question with patience and enthusiasm, making a lasting impression on both the young ones, their parents, and other adult neighbors.

His presence was the perfect addition to an already fantastic evening, and a great reminder of the value of connection between law enforcement and the communities they serve.

Chaplains ride along with Detachment 6



DISTRICT 3 - Washington State Patrol (WSP) Trooper Joseph McCain is retiring soon so Chaplains Bob and Cherie Grimes conducted ride-alongs with District 1 Detachment 6 in Olympia. Photographed Front: Chaplain Bob Grimes, Trooper Benedictine Singian, Trooper Joseph McClain, Trooper Brittany Barron, Trooper Shelby Miller, Chaplain Cherie Grimes. Back Row: Trooper Trevor Thorpe, Sgt. Scott Kirkeby, Trooper Bronson Jacoby, and Trooper Benjamin Clark.

WSP troopers attend 2025 National Black State Trooper's conference



ATLANTA, Ga. -Washington State Patrol (WSP) District 5 sent Trooper Christopher Corner and Trooper Jonathan Warner to the 2025 National Black State Trooper's Conference in Atlanta, Ga. This year's motto was "Shaping a Legacy of Change". The training classes we attended covered retirement plans, avoiding burn out, and AI Intelligence, and numerous other classes all taught by the FBI and homeland security.





WSP attends Lacey PD's Cops, Cars N Kids event at Cabelas

LACEY, WA. - Washington State Patrol (WSP) troopers attended Lacey Police Department's Cops, Cars N Kids event on Aug. 2.

The event was held at Cabela's, providing a space for local first responders to showcase their community resources, host a community car show, and provide an opportunity for folks to donate blood to those in need. Trooper Reese DePew and Sgt. Matt Rogers participated in the days events.

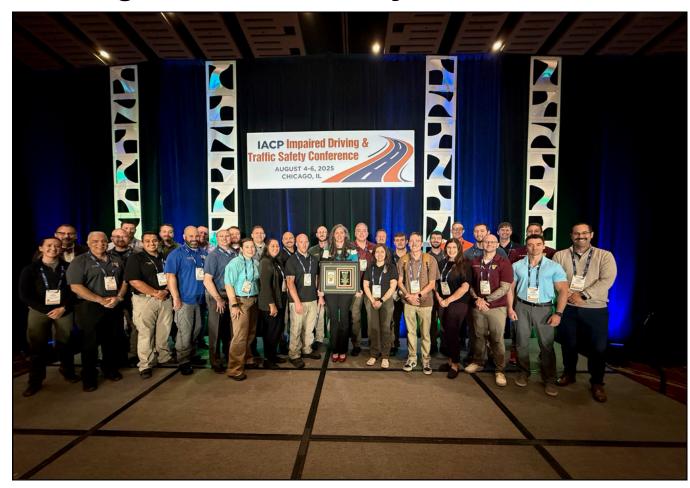








WSP employee honored IACP Impaired Driving & Traffic Safety Conference



CHICAGO, III. - Representatives from the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC) Program convened in Chicago, Illinois, the week of Aug. 3 to participate in advanced training focused on Impaired Driving and Traffic Safety. The delegation included Drug Recognition Experts (DREs) from across the state, two Target Zero Team sergeants, and one toxicologist.

Travel and attendance was made possible through a grant from the Washington Traffic Safety Commission (WTSC).

While in attendance, Ms. Rebecca Cortez, Program Specialist with the Washington State Patrol Impaired Driving Section, was formally recognized with the prestigious Dr. Marceline Burns Ambassador Award. This honor celebrates individuals who have made exceptional and enduring contributions to the DEC Program. Dr. Burns, widely regarded as a foundational figure in the Impaired Driving field, is credited as the originator of the Standardized Field Sobriety Tests, which remain a cornerstone of law enforcement procedures today.

Ms. Cortez was selected for this award following recognition by the international DRE community for her unwavering commitment and impactful support of the program.

WSP's Firearms Background Division employees honored at quarterly meeting

By KATERI CANDEE FIREARMS BACKGROUND COMMANDER

OLYMPIA, Wash. - The Washington State Patrol (WSP) Firearms Background Division (FBD) held their quarterly Division Happenings on Aug. 5, themed this time around as a Tea Party!

Division members dressed to impress and stirred up some friendly rivalry with a tea themed trivia competition, that required for at least one question some very obscure knowledge to answer (who knew that a "Victorian Tea Party" wasn't named for Queen Victoria – apparently, no

In addition to standard finger sandwiches, the potluck table overflowed with multiple delicious treats, both sweet and savory.

Assistant Chief Shane Nelson was in attendance and took the opportunity to award Leonida Eason her 10 year WSP service pin. Additionally, he presented Alicia Powell a Chief's Coin for her exemplary work in creating a comprehensive municipal code resource that significantly improved the efficiency and accuracy of firearm background checks within the Firearms Background Division. Overall, it was a splendid lunchtime tea party steeped in laughter, team building and good company.









PHOTOS: July Klickitat County Fire







KLIKITAT COUNTY, Wash. - Marc Biundo, Washington State Patrol (WSP) Electronic Services Division Wireless Engineering Manager, photographed fire crews hard at work at the end of July fighting fires in Klickitat County. These photos were taken along Hood River.